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Title: Need to construct and upgrade the Highway connecting Tirunelveli (Tamil Nadu) to Thiruvanthapuram (Kerala) via Ambasamudram - Papanasam and Nedumangadu.

SHRI S.S. RAMASUBBU (TIRUNELVELI): Presently the connectivity between Tirunelveli and Trivandrum are via (i) Nagercoil and (ii) Sengottai which is too lengthy. Therefore, there is a long pending demand from the people of both States for a short route via Forest area. Presently, State Highway exists between Tirunelveli – Ambasamudram – Papanasam. From Papanasam – Nedumangadu, a Kutcha road, along the western ghat section (about 30 kms.) exists. This Kutcha road was used for transporting timber and pedestrian movement and it needs to be upgraded urgently which will facilitate smaller vehicular movements. A proposal in this regard is under consideration and waiting for final approval from concerned authorities. From Nedumangadu to Trivandrum, good road connectivity is already there.

As there will be vast movement of people along the route, i.e. Papanasam-Nedumangadu, forest reserves will also be protected. The proposed new ghat section will definitely attract large number of tourists from all parts of the country and generate revenue besides nearby villages will have a new lease of life in terms of growth and development.

Keeping in view of the above, I humbly urge upon the Union Government to take necessary steps for constructing and upgrading of the Highway connecting Tirunelveli to Trivandrum via (Tirunelveli-Ambasamudram-Papanasam-Nedumangadu-Trivandrum at the earliest.